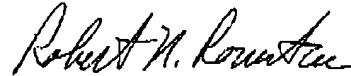


REMARKS

Claims 10-12 are pending. Claims 1-9 and 13-24 are cancelled without prejudice.

In an Office Action dated August 9, 2005, Examiner withdrew the previously allowed status of claims 10-12 and issued a final rejection without providing a new basis for rejection. After a review of MPEP 706.07(a) and MPEP 706.07(b), applicants believe this final rejection is improper and may be an error. Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the present rejection. If Examiner finds any issue that is unresolved, please call applicants' attorney by dialing the telephone number printed below.

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